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TESTIMONY BY RODERICK K. BECKER
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TO THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS
ON
SENATE BILL NO. 988

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AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF SPECIAL PURPOSE REVENUE BONDS FOR MELE ASSOCIATES, INC., A RENEWABLE ENERGY DEVELOPER SERVING THE GENERAL PUBLIC IN PROVIDING ELECTRIC ENERGY.

Senate Bill No. 988 authorizes the issuance of Special Purpose Revenue Bonds (SPRB) to assist Mele Associates, Inc., a renewable energy developer, in serving the general public by providing renewable electric energy and installing renewable energy projects in Hawaii pursuant to Part V, Chapter 39A, Hawaii Revised Statutes.

The Department is providing comments only to advise the Legislature and prospective SPRB parties that should the legislation be approved, approval of the SPRB issuance and conduit loan will require further review of the financing proposal to ensure compliance with all federal, state and credit underwriting requirements. For additional information, please consult our FAQ located at the following link:

http://budget.hawaii.gov/wp-content/uploads/2012/11/SPRB-FAQ.pdf.

Thank you for your consideration of our comments.